

REMARKS

The indication of allowability of claims 3 and 17 is noted with thanks.

Accordingly, the limitations of claims 3 and 17 are incorporated in their respective base claims 1 and 16. At the same time, the claims are rewritten in American form.

The retained claims are rewritten and renumbered, internal and externally, as new claims 23-34 and 36-39, respectively. A new claim 40 is added, drawn to the feature of paragraph 128 of the published application.

As this amendment seeks only to place the application in condition for allowance with claims previously indicated to be allowable, it is not believed to be necessary to discuss the prior art at this time.

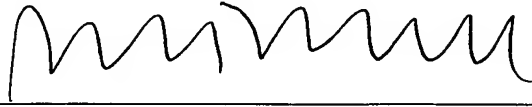
In view of the present amendment and the foregoing Remarks, therefore, it is believed that this application has been placed in condition for allowance, and reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any

overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional  
fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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